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COMBINED DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND  
VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Expanded Functionality Protocol Adapter for In-Vehicle Networks

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

And I hereby appoint Barbara M. Burns, Patent Office Registration No. 34788 as my attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith. Please send all correspondence to Barbara M. Burns, 1756 Plymouth Road #276, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, phone 734-930-1788.

I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-entitled invention described in the specification. I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 35 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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I acknowledge the duty to file in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to the paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28 (b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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